CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1 1. A method comprising:

2   transmitting a search query to a site over a network;

3   receiving a search result document from the site, the search result document comprising a

4   plurality of search result entries; and

5   filtering the plurality of search result entries by:

6   comparing each search result entry with the search query, and

7   selecting a subset of the plurality of search result entries the based on the comparison.

1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   generating a summary document comprised of the subset of the plurality of search result

3   entries; and

4   displaying the summary document.

1 3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   generating the query based on the intent of user as indicated by computer usage.

1 4. The method of claim 3, wherein said generating the query comprises:

2   monitoring computer usage;

3   recording information related to the monitoring;

4   analyzing the information to determine the user's intent; and

5   constructing the query based on the user's intent.

1 5. The method of claim 3, wherein said generating the query includes:

2   monitoring the text links chosen by the user;

3   determining the intent of the user based on the content of the text links using heuristics; and

4   constructing the query based on the user's intent.

1   6. The method of claim 3, wherein said generating the query is in response to a user action and is

2   based on the content of an item or a document currently being displayed.

1   7. The method of claim 4, wherein the computer usage monitored includes, but is not limited to:

2   a) text links chosen by the user;

3   b) time spent at each site and/or time spent on each page;

4   c) pages bookmarked by the user;

5   d) frequency that particular pages are visited;

6   e) the content of visited pages;

7   f)   the content of text links.

1   8. The method of claim 1, wherein the network comprises the Internet, and the site comprises a

2   World Wide Web site.

1   9. The method of claim 1, wherein the search query is tailored to search requirements of the site.

1   10. The method of claim 1, wherein each search result entry is associated with a document.

1   11. The method of claim 1, wherein said comparing each search result entry includes:

2   parsing at least a portion of the search entry result into constituent elements;

3   comparing the constituent elements of the search result entry to elements of the search query.

1   12. The method of claim 11, wherein each search result entry is associated with a document and

2   includes a text link to the associated document.

1   13. The method of claim 12, wherein the at least a portion of the search result entry comprises the

2   text link.

1   14. The method of claim 11, wherein the at least a portion of the search result includes a description

2   of an associated document.

1   15. A method comprising:

2   monitoring a user's Internet session;

3   parsing hypertext links selected by the user into words;

4   determining the intent of the user by performing an analysis on the parsed words;

5   constructing queries to perform searches on a plurality of web sites based on the user's intent;

6   and

7   transmitting the queries to the plurality of web sites.

1   16. The method of claim 15, wherein the analysis uses a heuristic method.

1   17. The method of claim 15, wherein the plurality of web sites are predetermined.

1   18. A machine-readable medium containing instructions stored thereon, which when executed cause

2   a processor to:

3   construct a plurality of queries comprising words for a plurality of predetermined sites;

4   transmit the plurality of queries to the plurality of predetermined sites over a network

5   connection;

6   receive a plurality of documents from the plurality of predetermined sites via network

7   connection, each document of the plurality of documents comprised of one or more

8   search result entries, each search result entry of the one or more search result entries

9   comprising a href link to a site;

10   compare at least a portion of each of the one or more search result entries from each

11   document with an applicable query of the plurality of queries;

12   select search result entries based on the comparison; and

13   construct a document comprising the selected search result entries.

1   19. The machine-readable medium of claim 18, wherein the network connection comprises a

2   connection to the Internet.

1   20. The machine-readable medium of claim 19, which further cause the processor to:

2   generate the plurality of queries based at least partly on the user's profile.

1   21. The machine-readable medium of claim 19, which further cause the processor to:

2   generate the plurality of queries based at least partly on the content of the sites visited during

3   an Internet session.

1   22. The machine-readable medium of claim 19, wherein the at least a portion of each of the one or

2   more search entries comprises the href link.

1   23. A computer system comprising:

2   a processor;

3   a network connection;

4   storage medium containing thereon stored instructions which when executed cause the

5   processor to:

6   transmit a search query to a site over a network;

7   receive a search result document from the site, the search result document comprising

8   a plurality of search result entries; and

9   filter the plurality of search result entries by,

10   compare each search result entry with the search query, and

11   select a subset of the plurality of search result entries based on the comparison.

1   24. The computer system of claim 23, wherein the stored instructions which when executed further

2   cause the processor to:

3   generate a summary document comprised of the subset of the plurality of search result

4   entries; and

5   display the summary document.

1   25. The method of claim 24, wherein the stored instructions which when executed further cause the

2   processor to:

3   generate the query based on the intent of user as indicated by computer usage.

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